

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the title as follows:

CEMENTED CARBIDE MATERIAL FOR SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING
TOOL AND SURFACE COATED GEAR CUTTING TOOL

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/008557 filed June 11, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-169962 filed June 13, 2003, both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on December 23, 2004 as WO 2004/110689 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

Please remove lines 10-12 under TECHNICAL FIELD on page 1 as follows:

~~This application claims priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-169962, filed on June 13, 2003, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~